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Purpose

Describe the Nebraska WIC Program's participation in CDC's Pregnancy and Pediatric Nutrition Surveillance Systems

PNSS and Ped NSS Definition

The Nebraska WIC Program participates in two nutrition surveillance systems in coordination with the Centers for Disease Control.

- 1. The Pregnancy Nutrition Surveillance System (PNSS) collects information on nutritional and behavioral risks during pregnancy and on birth outcomes.
- 2. The Pediatric Nutrition Surveillance System (PedNSS) collects information on the nutritional status of infants and children.

Collection and Use of Data

Data required for PNSS and PedNSS is collected through the computer system along with data collection needed for determining nutritional risk and planning/evaluating nutrition education.

The WIC database administrator is responsible for extracting the translating PNSS and PedNSS data onto diskettes and transmitting it to CDC for analyses.

CDC utilizes the data to study national trends and plan interventions. CDC provides both national and Nebraska-specific reports to the State Agency.

LA Use of Data

Local agencies utilize PNSS and PedNSS information to:

- 1. Identify priority areas for education and targeting of services
- 2. Evaluate program effectiveness.